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The 1 Battalion, 22 Brigade

1. In early June 1952 the 1 Battalion, 22 Brigade, was formed at DV-9277 near Tanch'on (128-54, 40-27) (DV-9277) with troops released from the 25 Brigade as a result of the general reorganization of the North Korean army in May 1952.

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The 1 Battalion, with a strength of 551 men, was then moved to DV-723664, 2,700 meters southwest of Chungch'on (128-42, 40-22) (DV-7568).

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The 4451 Unit

2. In early June 1952 the 4451 Unit,¹ comprising doctors and members of the Democratic Youth Alliance, was activated. It was attached to the North Korean army general headquarters. The unit was formed to receive and reindoctrinate POW's returning from South Korea after the signing of the truce. School buildings, warehouses and other large buildings on the outskirts of Kaesong were being repaired for use by this unit. The unit included 300 men, who were in charge of party activities and political indoctrination, and 150 women, who assisted with the medical work and did administrative and kitchen work. Part of the unit was stationed at the Panmunjom peace tent as a guard unit.

The 289 Transportation Unit

3. On 3 August the 289 Transportation Unit moved into the Onjong-ni (128-11, 38-41) (DT-2982) area from Wonsan. Civilians were evacuated from the area beginning 18 August to an unknown rear area because of traffic restrictions on the cement bridge at DT-288823. Traffic over the bridge was controlled by the 289 Unit, which had 18 new ZIS trucks, 10 horses, and 50 carts.

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Reconnaissance Unit of the 5 Division

5. In mid-August the 1 Platoon, 2 Company, Reconnaissance Battalion, 5 Division, was at XC-810618. The mission of the platoon was to defend the Ulllyul (125-12, 38-31) (XC-9265) area from United Nations agents and guerrillas. Members of the platoon were required to know how to swim, read, draw maps, use United Nations communications equipment, and signal United Nations aircraft. They were ordered to capture enemy agents alive. The area where the platoon was stationed was regarded as a special zone. The unit was made up of 25 non-commissioned officers and enlisted men directed by a major, who was the assistant battalion commander for military affairs, and a junior lieutenant, who was the secret code clerk of the battalion.

Army Screening Station, P'yongyang

6. In late August the North Korean army P'yongyang Screening Station was in four cement buildings, 50 meters long and 15 meters wide, and five caves at YD-372197. It was attached to the Security Department of the North Korean Army General Headquarters. The four buildings housed interned North Korean soldiers and the five caves were offices. Investigators were sent to the screening station from the Preliminary Examination Bureau of the Security Department of the North Korean

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Army General Headquarters to screen North Korean soldiers who had cooperated with the United Nations forces. The interned soldiers were reassigned to the army, if cleared, and were tried in court if not cleared. An average of 70 men per day were screened.

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7. On 6 September the 2 Battalion, 23 Brigade, commanded by CH'OE Ki-yŏng (1508/1015/3057) was near Tŏkhŏng-ni (125-02, 38-31) (XC-7765). It had 507 men.

The 534 Construction Unit

8. On 25 September the 534 Construction Unit, commanded by Colonel PAK Chŏng-ho (2613/6297/3185), aged 34, was at P'yŏngyang. The unit, made up of 120 soldiers and 250 civilians, worked 12 hours per day repairing military supply routes and constructing underground shelters.

The 575 Transportation Unit

9. On 30 September the headquarters of the 575 North Korean army Transportation Unit was in 30 houses at Hadang-ni (125-43, 39-04) (YD-3527), with 10 to 15 soldiers billeted in each house. The former inhabitants of the village were moved out to make room for the unit because they were regarded as being reactionary. The unit transported supplies to various railroad units, mostly in the southwest section of the battle line in Yŏnbaek-kun (126-00, 38-00) (BT-3710), using 30 ZIS trucks and 20 horse carts. Five or six trucks were held ready for emergency use.

The 9 Branch Unit, 81 Army Unit

10. On 5 October the headquarters of the 9 Branch Unit, 81 Army Unit,² was at Changjŏn (125-11, 37-52) (XB-9293). The unit had 3,000 men; 1,800 were North Koreans and the rest were Chinese. One thousand men from the unit were near Kaeryong-san (125-04, 37-58) (XC-8204). The mission of the unit was to guard the coast.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. In July 1952 the headquarters of the 9 Branch Unit, 81 Army Unit, was at YC-0347 near Samch'ŏn-ni (125-19, 38-22) (YC-0249).

[REDACTED] The unit reportedly had a total strength of 9,000 men at this time and its mission included security control in Hwanghae Province and the dispatch of agents to South Korea.

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